

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: J. MELKI et al.  
Serial No.: NEW Group: Unassigned  
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For: SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY DIAGNOSTIC METHODS (As Amended)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 2, 1998

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please change the title to read:

--SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY DIAGNOSTIC METHODS--.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert before the claims in this application the Sequence Listing enclosed herewith. Please renumber the remaining pages, beginning with the claims, consecutively from page 84.

Please amend the specification as follows: